GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ELECTRONIC SPEED GOVERNOR IN BUSES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court had ordered the Installation of electronic speed governor in the buses to check overspeeding;

(b) if so, whether these orders have been implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken/proposed to be taken to enforce the court`s directives forthwith and check the zig-zag driving on the road?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (c): The Supreme Court of India vide their order dated 20.11.1997 in Civil Writ Petition No. 13029 of 1985 titled M.C. Mehta Vs. Union of India and Others had directed that `No heavy and medium transport vehicles and light goods vehicles being four wheelers would be permitted to operate on the roads of the National Capital Region and National Capital Territory of Delhi, unless they are fitted with suitable speed control devices to ensure that they do not exceed the speed limit of 40 kilometer per hour. This will not apply to transport vehicles operating on Inter-State Permits and National Goods Permits`.

In pursuance of these directions, it is ensured by the Inspection Unit (Burari) of the Transport Department of the Government of NCT of Delhi at the time of grant and renewal of certificate of fitness to buses that electronic speed control devices conforming to AIS-018 standard have been installed in them. The Enforcement Wing of the Transport Department conducts special drives from time to time against buses plying without electronic speed governors/with tampered speed governors. During the current year, the Transport Department checked 9013 vehicles out of which 115 vehicles were prosecuted including 95 vehicles which were impounded. Delhi Police also issued challans for over speeding in 1856 cases, for plying vehicles without or with defective speed governors in 2117 cases and for dangerous/reckless driving in 12484 cases during the current year (upto 15th November, 2005).